

Naval Personnel Development Command Speech
10 Jan 03

Thank you, very much for that very kind and
generous introduction Admiral Harms.

Good morning Admiral Clark...Secretary

Navos, ... Admirals,...

(In attendance will be: Asst. SECNAV Navos; VADM Harms; VADM Konetzni;
RADM Hoewing; RADM Architzel; RADM Etnyre; RADM Porterfield; RADM
Turcotte; RADM Zortman; RADM Guadio; RADM Singer; Virginia Beach Mayor
Oberndorf; VADM (Ret) Donnell; RADM (Ret) Bryant

It is truly my pleasure to be here this
morning as we mark the founding of the
Naval Personnel Development Command.

Nearly two years ago, CNO challenged us to
begin looking at the way we train, educate,

and develop our Sailors. And not long after, 'Task Force Excel' provided what would be the framework for this revolution. Today, Rear Admiral Moran and the men and women of this command, will officially assume the watch – and take on the role of *leading* this revolution.

The direct impact that this command will have on the Navy – and enlisted Sailors specifically, -- will be far-reaching, and long lasting.

As with the building and development of any great structure or idea...whether it be the physical construction of something or the fruition of an idea....

"Long after the cost is forgotten, the quality will be remembered."

Some of these costs will be fiscal – some will be the cost of adjusting and embracing change. And some will be the additional work and effort our leaders will have to invest in bringing about this revolution.

The establishment of this command is a prime example of when we look down the road, and invest today – in our Navy of the future – that the quality of our Sailors will be the testament to the wise investment we make today.

This command -- this group of people lead by Admiral Moran -- know that there is still much work to be done, and like so many other important goals, it's an ever-evolving task.

Under his leadership, Admiral Moran and
Naval Personnel Development Command
will ensure our Sailors – and our Navy, are
always ready to fulfill our mission to our
great nation.

God bless you all, Thank you.